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1. The Lithuanian concept of the free world is a simplified one. People do not believe the Bolshevik press when it says that there is no unity in the West. There is a general opinion that the West has a united front on all political questions and that there is a commonly agreed upon policy which has one aim, to liquidate Communism. It is thought that Germany (sic) has both an army and weapons. The question of the outbreak of war is believed to be only one of choosing the opportune moment.
2. On the other hand, the Lithuanians are reproaching the West on many scores. Earlier, many people thought that in the West all nations would enter, as one, into a crusade to save nations from subjugation. At the same time, the Bolsheviks were laughing at the Lithuanians, saying: "Don't you wait; the Americans will not come". There were some people who, believing the downfall of Communism would start in China, said that the West gave China to the Bolsheviks on purpose, in the hope that, after more people, i.e., the Chinese, had tasted Communism, it would go to pieces. Other people saw the Chinese question as a weakness of the West. Lately, many have begun to think of the West as an egotistical world which cannot find unity because of its egotism. Some say: "After all, what does it matter to them". With time, fewer and fewer people believe in the good will of the West. In fact, the majority now believe that the West will be forced to fight only because, if it does not, that will be the end of it.
3. All sorts of ideas come into men's heads because everything has gone to pieces and they are bored. But, in the hearts of the majority of the people, the hope is not quite extinguished that sometime a decision will be taken which will change the situation. Everytime the Lithuanians hear a western statesman even mention Lithuania, they fill with new hope and their belief in the future rises again. Yet, as time passes, the grudge against the West slowly grows in the hearts of the Lithuanians and the feeling of being abandoned gradually prevails.

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